

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3178
OFFERED BY MS. FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Trans-
3 parency in Higher Education Act”.

4 SEC. 2. COLLEGE DASHBOARD WEBSITE.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 132 of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “first-
9 time,”;

10 (B) in paragraph (3) in the matter pre-
11 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “first-
12 time,”; and

13 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “first-
14 time,”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “first-
17 time,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “first-
2 time”;

3 (3) by striking subsections (c) through (g), (j),
4 and (l);

5 (4) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and
6 (k) as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively; and

7 (5) by striking subsection (d) (as so redesign-
8 ated) and inserting the following new subsection:

9 “(d) CONSUMER INFORMATION.—

10 “(1) AVAILABILITY OF TITLE IV INSTITUTION
11 INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall develop and
12 make publicly available a website to be known as the
13 ‘College Dashboard website’ in accordance with this
14 section and prominently display on such website, in
15 simple, understandable, and unbiased terms for the
16 most recent academic year for which satisfactory
17 data are available, the following information with re-
18 spect to each institution of higher education that
19 participates in a program under title IV:

20 “(A) A link to the website of the institu-
21 tion.

22 “(B) An identification of the type of insti-
23 tution as one of the following:

24 “(i) A four-year public institution of
25 higher education.

1 “(ii) A four-year private, nonprofit in-
2 stitution of higher education.

3 “(iii) A four-year private, for-profit
4 institution of higher education.

5 “(iv) A two-year public institution of
6 higher education.

7 “(v) A two-year private, nonprofit in-
8 stitution of higher education.

9 “(vi) A two-year private, for-profit in-
10 stitution of higher education.

11 “(vii) A less than two-year public in-
12 stitution of higher education.

13 “(viii) A less than two-year private,
14 nonprofit institution of higher education.

15 “(ix) A less than two-year private,
16 for-profit institution of higher education.

17 “(C) The number of students enrolled at
18 the institution—

19 “(i) as undergraduate students; and

20 “(ii) as graduate students, if applica-
21 ble.

22 “(D) The student-faculty ratio.

23 “(E) The percentage of degree-seeking or
24 certificate-seeking undergraduate students en-

1 rolled at the institution who obtain a degree or
2 certificate within—

3 “(i) 100 percent of the normal time
4 for completion of, or graduation from, the
5 program in which the student is enrolled;

6 “(ii) 150 percent of the normal time
7 for completion of, or graduation from, the
8 program in which the student is enrolled;
9 and

10 “(iii) 200 percent of the normal time
11 for completion of, or graduation from, the
12 program in which the student is enrolled.

13 “(F) The average net price per year for
14 undergraduate students receiving Federal stu-
15 dent financial aid under title IV based on an in-
16 come category selected by the user from a list
17 containing the following income categories:

18 “(i) \$0 to \$30,000.

19 “(ii) \$30,001 to \$48,000.

20 “(iii) \$48,001 to \$75,000.

21 “(iv) \$75,001 to \$110,000.

22 “(v) \$110,001 to \$150,000.

23 “(vi) Over \$150,000.

24 “(G) A link to the net price calculator for
25 such institution.

1 “(H) The percentage of undergraduate
2 students who obtained a certificate or degree
3 from the institution who borrowed Federal stu-
4 dent loans under title IV, and the average Fed-
5 eral student loan debt incurred by an under-
6 graduate student who obtained a certificate or
7 degree from the institution and borrowed Fed-
8 eral student loans under title IV in the course
9 of obtaining such certificate or degree.

10 “(I) A link to national and regional data
11 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on starting
12 salaries in all major occupations.

13 “(J) A link to the webpage of the institu-
14 tion containing campus safety data with respect
15 to such institution.

16 “(2) OTHER INFORMATION.—The Secretary
17 shall publish on Internet webpages that are linked to
18 through the College Dashboard website for the most
19 recent academic year for which satisfactory data is
20 available the following information with respect to
21 each institution of higher education that participates
22 in a program under title IV:

23 “(A) ENROLLMENT.—

1 “(i) The percentages of male and fe-
2 male undergraduate students enrolled at
3 the institution.

4 “(ii) The percentages of under-
5 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
6 tion—

7 “(I) full-time; and

8 “(II) less than full-time.

9 “(iii) In the case of an institution
10 other than an institution that provides all
11 courses and programs through distance
12 education, of the undergraduate students
13 enrolled at the institution—

14 “(I) the percentage of such stu-
15 dents who are from the State in which
16 the institution is located;

17 “(II) the percentage of such stu-
18 dents who are from other States; and

19 “(III) the percentage of such stu-
20 dents who are international students.

21 “(iv) The percentages of under-
22 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
23 tion, disaggregated by—

24 “(I) race and ethnic background;

1 “(II) classification as a student
2 with a disability;

3 “(III) recipients of a Federal Pell
4 Grant;

5 “(IV) recipients of assistance
6 under a tuition assistance program
7 conducted by the Department of De-
8 fense under section 1784a or 2007 of
9 title 10, United States Code, or other
10 authorities available to the Depart-
11 ment of Defense or veterans’ edu-
12 cation benefits (as defined in section
13 480); and

14 “(V) recipients of a Federal stu-
15 dent loan under title IV.

16 “(B) COMPLETION.—The information re-
17 quired under paragraph (1)(E), disaggregated
18 by—

19 “(i) recipients of a Federal Pell
20 Grant;

21 “(ii) recipients of a loan made under
22 part D of title IV (other than a Federal
23 Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan) who
24 did not receive a Federal Pell Grant;

1 “(iii) individuals who did not receive a
2 Federal Pell Grant or a loan made under
3 part D of title IV (other than a Federal
4 Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan);

5 “(iv) race and ethnic background;

6 “(v) classification as a student with a
7 disability; and

8 “(vi) recipients of assistance under a
9 tuition assistance program conducted by
10 the Department of Defense under section
11 1784a or 2007 of title 10, United States
12 Code, or other authorities available to the
13 Department of Defense or veterans’ edu-
14 cation benefits (as defined in section 480).

15 “(C) COSTS.—

16 “(i) The cost of attendance for full-
17 time undergraduate students enrolled in
18 the institution who live on campus.

19 “(ii) The cost of attendance for full-
20 time undergraduate students enrolled in
21 the institution who live off campus.

22 “(iii) The cost of tuition and fees for
23 full-time undergraduate students enrolled
24 in the institution.

1 “(iv) The cost of tuition and fees per
2 credit hour or credit hour equivalency for
3 undergraduate students enrolled in the in-
4 stitution less than full time.

5 “(v) In the case of a public institution
6 of higher education (other than an institu-
7 tion described in clause (vi)) and notwith-
8 standing subsection (b)(1), the costs de-
9 scribed in clauses (i) and (ii) for—

10 “(I) full-time students enrolled in
11 the institution who are residents of
12 the State in which the institution is
13 located; and

14 “(II) full-time students enrolled
15 in the institution who are not resi-
16 dents of such State.

17 “(vi) In the case of a public institu-
18 tion of higher education that offers dif-
19 ferent tuition rates for students who are
20 residents of a geographic subdivision small-
21 er than a State and students not located in
22 such geographic subdivision and notwith-
23 standing subsection (b)(1), the costs de-
24 scribed in clauses (i) and (ii) for—

1 “(I) full-time students enrolled at
2 the institution who are residents of
3 such geographic subdivision;

4 “(II) full-time students enrolled
5 at the institution who are residents of
6 the State in which the institution is
7 located but not residents of such geo-
8 graphic subdivision; and

9 “(III) full-time students enrolled
10 at the institution who are not resi-
11 dents of such State.

12 “(D) FINANCIAL AID.—

13 “(i) The average annual grant amount
14 (including Federal, State, and institutional
15 aid) awarded to an undergraduate student
16 enrolled at the institution who receives fi-
17 nancial aid.

18 “(ii) The percentage of undergraduate
19 students enrolled at the institution receiv-
20 ing Federal, State, and institutional
21 grants, student loans, and any other type
22 of student financial assistance known by
23 the institution, provided publicly or
24 through the institution, such as Federal
25 work-study funds.

1 “(iii) The cohort default rate (as de-
2 fined in section 435(m)) for such institu-
3 tion.

4 “(E) FACULTY INFORMATION.—

5 “(i) The ratio of the number of course
6 sections taught by part-time instructors to
7 the number of course sections taught by
8 full-time faculty, disaggregated by course
9 sections intended primarily for under-
10 graduate students and course sections in-
11 tended primarily for graduate students.

12 “(ii) The mean and median years of
13 employment for part-time instructors.

14 “(3) OTHER DATA MATTERS.—

15 “(A) COMPLETION DATA.—The Commis-
16 sioner of Education Statistics shall ensure that
17 the information required under paragraph
18 (1)(E) includes information with respect to all
19 students at an institution, including students
20 other than first-time, full-time students and
21 students who transfer to another institution, in
22 a manner that the Commissioner considers ap-
23 propriate.

24 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME CAT-
25 EGORIES.—The Secretary may annually adjust

1 the range of each of the income categories de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1)(F) to account for a
3 change in the Consumer Price Index for All
4 Urban Consumers as determined by the Bureau
5 of Labor Statistics if the Secretary determines
6 an adjustment is necessary.

7 “(4) INSTITUTIONAL COMPARISON.—The Sec-
8 retary shall include on the College Dashboard
9 website a method for users to easily compare the in-
10 formation required under paragraphs (1) and (2) be-
11 tween institutions.

12 “(5) UPDATES.—

13 “(A) DATA.—The Secretary shall update
14 the College Dashboard website not less than an-
15 nually.

16 “(B) TECHNOLOGY AND FORMAT.—The
17 Secretary shall regularly assess the format and
18 technology of the College Dashboard website
19 and make any changes or updates that the Sec-
20 retary considers appropriate.

21 “(6) CONSUMER TESTING.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In developing and
23 maintaining the College Dashboard website, the
24 Secretary, in consultation with appropriate de-
25 partments and agencies of the Federal Govern-

1 ment, shall conduct consumer testing with ap-
2 propriate persons, including current and pro-
3 spective college students, family members of
4 such students, institutions of higher education,
5 and experts, to ensure that the College Dash-
6 board website is usable and easily understand-
7 able and provides useful and relevant informa-
8 tion to students and families.

9 “(B) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
10 CHANGES.—The Secretary shall submit to the
11 authorizing committees any recommendations
12 that the Secretary considers appropriate for
13 changing the information required to be pro-
14 vided on the College Dashboard website under
15 paragraphs (1) and (2) based on the results of
16 the consumer testing conducted under subpara-
17 graph (A).

18 “(7) PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE LINKS TO
19 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AFTER SUBMISSION OF
20 FAFSA.—The Secretary shall provide to each student
21 who submits a Free Application for Federal Student
22 Aid described in section 483 a link to the webpage
23 of the College Dashboard website that contains the
24 information required under paragraph (1) for each

1 institution of higher education such student includes
2 on such Application.

3 “(8) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The Sec-
4 retary, in consultation with each appropriate head of
5 a department or agency of the Federal Government,
6 shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable that
7 any information related to higher education that is
8 published by such department or agency is con-
9 sistent with the information published on the College
10 Dashboard website.

11 “(9) REFERENCES TO COLLEGE NAVIGATOR
12 WEBSITE.—Any reference in this Act to the College
13 Navigator website shall be considered a reference to
14 the College Dashboard website.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Higher Edu-
16 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), as amended
17 by subsection (a) of this section, is further amended—

18 (1) in section 131(h) (20 U.S.C. 1015(h)), by
19 striking “College Navigator” and inserting “College
20 Dashboard”; and

21 (2) in section 132(a) (20 U.S.C. 1015a(a)), by
22 striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following
23 new paragraph:

1 “(1) COLLEGE DASHBOARD WEBSITE.—The
2 term ‘College Dashboard website’ means the College
3 Dashboard website required under subsection (d).”.

4 (c) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary of Education
5 shall develop and publish the College Dashboard website
6 required under section 132 of the Higher Education Act
7 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as amended by subsections
8 (a) and (b) of this section, not later than one year after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (d) COLLEGE NAVIGATOR WEBSITE MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary shall maintain the College Navigator website required under section 132 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as in effect the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, in the manner required under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as in effect on such day, until the College Dashboard website referred to in subsection (c) is complete and publicly available on the Internet.

19 **SEC. 3. NET PRICE CALCULATORS.**

20 Subsection (c) of section 132 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a), as redesignated
21 by section 2(a)(4) of this Act, is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and
24

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraphs:

3 “(4) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NET PRICE
4 CALCULATORS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
5 of the enactment of the Strengthening Transparency
6 in Higher Education Act, a net price calculator for
7 an institution of higher education shall meet the fol-
8 lowing requirements:

9 “(A) The link for the calculator shall—

10 “(i) be clearly labeled as a net price
11 calculator and prominently, clearly, and
12 conspicuously posted in locations on the
13 website of such institution where informa-
14 tion on costs and aid is provided and any
15 other location that the institution considers
16 appropriate; and

17 “(ii) match in size and font to the
18 other prominent links on the webpage
19 where the link for the calculator is dis-
20 played.

21 “(B) The webpage displaying the results
22 for the calculator shall specify at least the fol-
23 lowing information:

24 “(i) The net price (as calculated
25 under subsection (a)(2)) for such institu-

1 tion, which shall be the most visually
2 prominent figure on the results screen.

3 “(ii) Cost of attendance, including—

4 “(I) tuition and fees;

5 “(II) average annual cost of
6 room and board for the institution for
7 a full-time undergraduate student en-
8 rolled in the institution;

9 “(III) average annual cost of
10 books and supplies for a full-time un-
11 dergraduate student enrolled in the
12 institution; and

13 “(IV) estimated cost of other ex-
14 penses (including personal expenses
15 and transportation) for a full-time un-
16 dergraduate student enrolled in the
17 institution.

18 “(iii) Estimated total need-based
19 grant aid and merit-based grant aid from
20 Federal, State, and institutional sources
21 that may be available to a full-time under-
22 graduate student.

23 “(iv) Percentage of the full-time un-
24 dergraduate students enrolled in the insti-

1 tution that received any type of grant aid
2 described in clause (iii).

3 “(v) The disclaimer described in para-
4 graph (6).

5 “(vi) In the case of a calculator
6 that—

7 “(I) includes questions to esti-
8 mate the eligibility of a student or
9 prospective student for veterans’ edu-
10 cation benefits (as defined in section
11 480) or educational benefits for active
12 duty service members, such benefits
13 are displayed on the results screen in
14 a manner that clearly distinguishes
15 such benefits from the grant aid de-
16 scribed in clause (iii); or

17 “(II) does not include questions
18 to estimate eligibility for the benefits
19 described in subclause (I), the results
20 screen indicates that certain students
21 (or prospective students) may qualify
22 for such benefits and includes a link
23 to information about such benefits.

24 “(C) The institution shall populate the cal-
25 culator with data from an academic year that

1 is not more than 2 academic years prior to the
2 most recent academic year.

3 “(5) PROHIBITION ON USE OF DATA COL-
4 LECTED BY THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR.—A net
5 price calculator for an institution of higher edu-
6 cation shall—

7 “(A) clearly indicate which questions are
8 required to be completed for an estimate of the
9 net price from the calculator;

10 “(B) in the case of a calculator that re-
11 quests contact information from users, clearly
12 mark such requests as optional and provide for
13 an estimate of the net price from the calculator
14 without requiring users to enter such informa-
15 tion; and

16 “(C) prohibit any personally identifiable in-
17 formation provided by users from being sold or
18 made available to third parties.”.

19 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

20 (a) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Of the amount au-
21 thorized to be appropriated to the Department of Edu-
22 cation to maintain the College Navigator website,
23 \$1,000,000 shall be available to carry out this Act and
24 the amendments made by this Act.

1 (b) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No
2 funds are authorized by this Act to be appropriated to
3 carry out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

